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Chengtu
Szechuan

Sept. 30, 1932
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On Sept. 30 I reached
Lehengto, after a hard
journey up the Yangtze
and the Min River.

One boat was wrecked
about 5 miles below
Lehengto and some of
my books were spoilt.

My house on the
campus was to be ready
for us to occupy on our
arrival but this is the
orient and it was not
ready. It had not been
occupied for three years
and was out of repair, very
badly so. The entire
inside of the house had
to be painted. Painters
were engaged to do so
in June. A Committee of
foreigners had been
appointed to see that
my house was ready.

When I arrived I found that the painters had actually been busy two or three days on the house and the kitchen and the second story was so freshly painted that it could not be occupied for two days. The attic was entirely full of other people's furniture, and the entire first floor was so full that only the front hall was vacant. The front hall had to be painted soon. We therefore could not put a single article of furniture or equipment where it belonged. We had to stack everything on the porch which leaked very badly in several

places, so that our things got wet. as a result, we have been slower getting settled, and have had a much harder time than we should.

Soon after I arrived I was elected curator of the University Museum. The museum has very valuable materials but nothing at all has been properly labelled and recorded. My first job will be to get blanks printed, and classify all the artifacts in the museum, numbering them, and completing all possible records, and classifying the materials as far as possible.

The Hunter Gang Ping

Tsang

I sang rejoined me & Suifu and also the Skinner Ho. Yang had a few specimens which I will mail soon. The mammals I will number from 1000 on these include numbers 1000 to 1008. There are about thirty snakes, a dozen birds, and a few insects. The rats ate up most of Yang's insects.

~~October 9.~~ Ho and Yang have gone to Kuang Shien to look over the grounds and to make plans for future work.

October 14. The carpenters have been making boxes to contain specimens. I expect to mail some

specimens soon. I wrote to Dr. Crooks at Yachow requesting him to forward the Smithsonian specimens to me.

October 25. Three armies are entrenched in Cheungtu. Numbers of soldiers are quartered in temples, in inns, and in private homes. Laborers are being commandeered to work for the armies, and other Chinese to become soldiers. War has been expected at any time and last Saturday fighting actually broke out on one of the streets. Mr. Francis, a foreigner, had a number of bullets hit his home. Panic spread all over the city. Today all the shops are closed as a protest against the

disturbing of the peace by the
armies: It is hardly safe
for a foreigner to move
about in Cheungtu, and
less so for Chinese. I
am having Ho and Yang
remain here in my house
for safety until conditions
improve. Meanwhile,
the carpenters are
making boxes. There are
nine boxes of specimens
to forward as soon as
the conditions in the
province are improved so
it is safe to do so.

Oct. 27. Everything is held up
temporarily because of
the disturbed political
conditions with threatened
civil war. Our men have
been unable to collect for
a short time, but I hope
to get them busy soon.

The carpenter has been
making boxes.

Oct. 30. War conditions are
improving, and I am
trying to find a way to
get Ho and Yang to Kuan
Shen where they can work
collecting.

I sent a radiogram
to Shanghai urging a
friend who is coming to
Cheungtu to bring the
ammunition with him.

Nov. 2. I have managed to
get a passport for Yang
Long Tsang and
Ho Sou Lehner to go
to Kuan Shen to
collect. I spent the
evening preparing for their
trip, giving out traps
rechecking accounts &c.

Nov. 3, Box 1 contains snakes 2.00
 Box 2 " snakes 2.00
 Box 3 " snakes 2.00
 " 4 " snakes 2.00
 " 5 " 2 animal skins 2.00
 " 6 " 2 monkey skins
 " 7 one rabbit skin 5.00
 " 8 one ± ten'isi skin,
 one skull (pig) 5.00
 " 9 One corn skin, one
 skull of boar 5.00
 " 10 18 common birds
 , baby leopard 6.00
 " 11 wild boar skin 6.00
 " 12 " " " 5.00

Today we packed
 these and labelled them,
 or addressed them for
 Shanghai.

I called men to carry
 Yang's and Ho's loads to
 Kuan Shien, but they
 arrived so late that the
 collectors will have to

start tomorrow morning
Nov. 4. Ho and gang departed
Nov. 17-19. There has been civil
war in Chengtu with heavy
cannonading and machine-
gun and rifle firing. One side
is slightly victorious, but the
other side is still entrenched
in the city. It is nearly
impossible to get into or out
of the city. We are glad we
are out. Today a scout
aeroplane flew over the
city several times, then
departed. One foreigner's
home has been looted and
some other foreigners have
moved out here onto the
University campus.

I did not dare let the
collectors take a shotgun,
for they would have gotten
into trouble. They are trapping.

start tomorrow.

Dec. 14, 1932. Yang and Ho got back last night. They have collected just beyond Kuan Shien. Having no guns, they have only secured a few birds and over 100 mountain rats, moles, etc. The mammals of this collection are numbered from 1010 to no 1017.

The collectors did only fair work, and I have had to remind them of many of the fine points to observe to make the specimens, nests, points they have learnt and un-learnt several times.

They seem to have two or three species of moles.

We spent the evening labelling and wrapping specimens.

Dec. 15, 1932. I spent several hours with Ho and Yang labelling specimens, all but seven or eight of the mammals have skeletons corresponding with them. There are a total of 108 small mammals in this collection, and a few birds.

The collectors were handicapped because they had no shotgun. When they are so armed they will be able to get a much larger collection in the same length of time.

We have wrapped all the above mentioned specimens in five boxes, excepting a few that are too large. We will make two larger boxes to contain these.

Dec. 16. Reckoned accounts with Yang and Ho. They have secured some fish that look interesting, several small bottles.

Dec. 19, Packed and wrapped boxes for shipping,

Box 12, 50 rat skeletons
value 6.00 (nominal)

Box 13, 35 ratskins
value \$ 6.00

Box 14 30 ratskins
value 6.00

Box 15 50 rat skeletons
value 6.00

Box 16 Rat skins (3 birds)
value 6.00

I reckoned with Ho and Yang. There was a year's wages due Yang at six dollars Mexican a month, and I reckoned wages, travel expenses &c to Jan 1, 1932

Dec. 31, 1932 Ho and Yung
are going to Suifu to pass
the New Year holidays, after
which they will return and
get to work. I reckoned and
paid all accounts to date.

They can not go down
the river because the
armies of two different generals
are along the river, and
there are also plenty of
brigands. They are taking
a round-about route overland
through Tsilintsing.

A few days ago I
severely strained a muscle
in my leg, and have been
laid up in bed, but expect
to get up tomorrow.

The postoffice will
not accept parcels for
downstream, so we
can not forward the
specimens until peace

again prevails in Sichuan.
Jan 26

Packed Box 17
one rat, 3 birds, value \$6.00

Box 18 contents fish
from Kuantshien
Sichuan China
altitude about 2000 to
3000 feet.

I went to the city
post office and interviewed
the Postal Commissioner
about sending specimens.
He will cooperate and
help all he can.

Jan 28. I finished
labelling the boxes
and writing out
customs declarations.
I expect to mail the
lot soon.

A letter came
from Mr. Brook at
Yachow saying that

on account of the
civil war it has
been impossible to
send the specimens
to Cheyngto, and
that they are probably
in good condition.
It looks as though
civil war is now over
and that specimens
can be collected and
forwarded all right.

Feb. 25. On February 1 I
mailed 17 boxes of specimens
to the Smithsonian Institution.
Later I sent a large box of
wild boar skin and bones
by a friend to Shanghai.
I have bought white
cloth and have been
making rain coats for
the collectors, for they
will be needed next summer.
Yesterday I bought

two white panda skins.
One is in good condition,
and has nearly all the
skeleton. The other was
badly cut up in killing,
but I bought it.

I am in touch with a
hunting group that may
bring me lots of wild
animals in the future.

I had a long talk
with the leader today.

Ho and Yang are
due soon.

A friend has agreed
to take my specimens to
Shanghai and turn
them over to the American
Express Company.

Feb. 25, I went out with a
student to teach him to net.
His name is Pen, and
he wants to collect for
me regularly.

Mar. 3. Pen netted, but
got only some "grand daddy
long legs". I telegraphed
to Chungking for three
kerosene lanterns and
two gasoline lanterns.
I expect to push the
collecting from this
time with vigor.

Mar. 6. I have begun training
a new netter, Mr. Yao.
Today it was cold, but
we caught almost no
insects. I have had
six tin insect or cyanide
cans made for future
use. Glass bottles are
expensive, and will break.

Mar. 7. The netter Yao caught
a fine lot of small diptera.

Mar. 8. Today Yao got very little,
and I gave him some
more instructions and jacked
him up.

Mar 11. The Cooke has is collecting
daily, but has not learnt
the birds well yet. The student
Pen collected this afternoon,
and did well, another student
San collected water insects.
He got mostly shrimp and
worked only about an hour,
or two. Ho and Yang
have not appeared yet,
although they are now
overdue. I'm writing
to Suifu about them.

Mar 12 I am numbering
the white panda skeleton
and skin 1118, and
the skin without a
skeleton 1119. I am
calling carpenters
to fix boxes in which
to ship them to
Shanghai. I am
numbering a lot of

insects ~~1120~~ Box 19

Mar. 16 Filled Box 20 with
the two panda skins,
and Box 17 with the panda
skeleton. I will send these
by a friend who goes down
the river about May first.

The netter got a large number
of small insects today.

Mar 18. I have had two netters
working today. They got a
lot of insects but not a
large variety.

Mar 20, 1933

Yang, Long Tsang and
Ho the skinner are back.
Yang had a son born, and
he died just before he was
to start to Chengtu.

Mr. Crooks writes from
Chengtu that he is
forwarding all the skins
he has for me.

Mar 27, 33

a cold, rainy day.
The netter got little. I spent
considerable time today getting
passports for Yang and
Ho for their trip collecting
west of Kuanshien.

I spent the whole evening
getting their outfit ready
and reckoning accounts.
March 28. Ho and Yang have
started on their collecting
trip. This morning I went
and interviewed General
Dien Shih Ho and secured
a passport for Ho and Yang
so their gun and ammunition
would not be taken
away from them.

Today was rather cold
so the netting was poor.

Mar 31. I bought a young
black bear and
have had him skinned.
I am preserving the
complete skeleton.
Mammal 1120.

The skinner made
the mistake of
cutting the gristle
out of the ears.

Apr 1. a fair catch of insects.
Carpenters have been
making boxes 3 days for
insects etc.

April 2. This morning I
went into the city and
secured the specimens
from Yachow. They were
not cared for in a
first-class way, but
are valuable, especially
the panda skin.
There is a brown panda,
and several other
mammals and birds.

- One is a large antelope
something of the like.
- mupin 1121, Red Panda,
" 1122 Badger³ with
skeleton June 8, 1931
mupin, 4000 feet alt
mammal 1123 musk deer
mupin alt 3000 feet
1124 mupin Aug 2, 31, alt
5000 ft
1125 mupin July 18, 31
alt 5000 ft.
1126 mammal from near
Tulun, 1932.
1127 White Panda from
mupin, alt 7000 feet
1128 Large animal, deerlike,
mupin.
1129 weasel mupin March 20
1931 alt 4000 feet
1130 Feb. 12, 1931 alt 4000 ft
mupin.
1131 Sept 12, 31, 7000 feet, mouse

- 1132 mupin, July 10, 31, 7000 feet ^{mouse}
1133 " Mar 3, 31
1134 " July 5, 31
1135 " Sept 21, 31
1136 mupin
1137 mupin Mar 21, 31
1138 " 1931
1139 " Aug 5, 1931
1140 mupin June 16, 31, 7000 ft
1141 " April 13, 1931
1142 " Sept 5, 31
1143 " June 10, 31, 7000 FT
1144 " Mar 15, 31, 7000 FT
1145 " Apr 13, 31, ♀
1146 " Sept 5, 31
1147 " " 10, 31, 7000 FT
1148 mupin Aug. 4, 31
1149 " July 15, 31,
1150 " Aug 6, 31
1151 " Sept 10, 31,
1152 " " 6, 31
1153 " Sept 8, 31
1154 " Sept 9, 31, w.o. skeleton

- 1155 mupin Aug 31, 31
 1156 mupin 1931
 1157 " Sept 21, 31
 1158 " " 6, 31
 1159 " July 6, 31
 1160 " " 9, 31
 1161 " Aug 7, 31
 1162 " July 19, 31
 1163 " May 20, 31 700 F 1
 1164 " May 16, 31
 1165 " Mar 16, 31
 1166 " Aug 5, 31
 1167 " Jan 19, 31 Squirrel

we have labelled and
 wrapped all the
 mammals, as enumerated
 above. They have been
 poorly skinned and
 wrapped.

Box 19 is insects captured
 in Chengtu Nov 20 to 31 1932 to
 Mar 20, 1933

Box 20 has panda skins

Box 21 has mammal bones

including the panda

Box 22 has insects
 caught in Chengtu
 March 22 - 31 1933

Box 23 has insects
 caught in Chengtu Mar 31
 to 1933

Box 24 has five mammal skins

Box 25 has animal bones

Box 26 " "
 of the black bear, recently
 purchased

Box 27 has four bottles
 of snakes, salamanders
 etc.

March 8, Filled box 28 with
 mountain rat skins and
 one pheasant from mupin

" 29 Box 29 has the
 bones of the whitepanda
 etc

Box 30 Bones of the large antelope
 and small mammals

Box 3.1 ^{value 2.5} skin of large Antelope
Box 3.2 skin of white panda ^{20.00}

The boys get many long legged - grand - daddies, but little else. I had carpenters making boxes, filled and labelled several boxes of specimens.

April 11. Filled box 33, has a foot of the white panda ~~in box~~ 32, and also some bottled insects.

Box 34 insects from Lehengtu alt. 1700 feet, April 7-10, 33

Today I took on a new collector of insects to Mr. Li.

Apr. 14. I today made arrangements for a collector to go to Yunnan Province next summer, collecting snakes, insects, etc.

Filled box 35, insects, Lehengtu altitude 1700 feet and Box 36, Ratskins

and 12 birdskins,

1 pheasant, 2 black birds,

9 sparrows.

April 15, Cloudy and threatening rain.

We are getting a great many grand-daddy long legs. At first there were many ~~long~~ ones, but now large ones are monopolizing the field.

April 19. The netters have been working every day with varying success. I am getting ready for a 10 day trip down ^{stream} in which I can train my men better. Ho and Yang should not get back until about the end of my trip. The netters are working both daytime and night-time.

Apr. 24. During the past few days we have had little success securing insects.

Apr 21. The boat started down
river yesterday, and we took
rickshas forty li to Tsong' Shin' Tsang
where we got on the boat and went on to
Fu' jia' Bat. We had poor success
with night lanterns. Thousands of
tiny grubs came, but no wasps.
Apr. 22.

May 2. Our trip to the
country brought
very little results.
The two collectors
have been working
daily, filling a
number of boxes.
The Carpenter
Wang came from
Mupin saying he
had brought a
white panda to
Yachow for me.
I sent him
back to Mupin to

collect large
mammals, snakes,
lizards, and frogs.
My two young
netters have been
working night
and day.

I have been
sick with influenza
several days, but
am beginning to
recover.

May 11. I have been sick in
bed with influenza, and
am still so weak that I have
to take things very carefully
and easily.

Labelled Box 37 and
38, insects gathered
about May first at Lehengtsu
Gichuan behind, altitude
about 1700 feet

May 14 The military are
commandeering coolies so much
that most of the farmers near
by have been carried away, and
the spring crops are going to
waste. I have had to prevent
the netters Li and Gao
from leaving the compound.
They have succeeded in
catching night moths.
The moon is disappearing,
and night-moth catching
is improving daily.

Killed another box of
insects, no 39, May 10-14
Lehengto, alt 1700 feet
Mon 22, civil war still
continues, and our
collectors have not
dared to leave our
yard during daytime
but are catching night
moths on our backs

porch by means of
the electric light.

Killed insects box no
40, May 15-22, alt 1700 ft
May 25 Yesterday and today I
have mailed about a
dozen boxes of specimens
to Shanghai to be forwarded
to the Smithsonian Institution.
War conditions still
prevail about Lehengto, and
our collectors can not
go about by day. They
are in danger of being
forced to join the army.
They collect night moths.

June 1. The father of the
netter Gao has died, and
he has gone home for 10 days.
Li is getting lots of night
moths.
I recently bought a
black bear skin,

Mammal 1168

June 6 Killed Boxes 41-46
all of insects caught
at Lehengtu, altitude
about 1700 feet, and
wrapped them for shipping.
Secured mammal no 1169,
a common house rat,
gray in color. I skinned
this to teach a Chinese
scientific student how
to do it.

June 16. The skin of the small
black bear I bought and
killed some time ago
has almost been eaten
up by vermin. I find
also that the same
vermin are on the
black bear skin
I bought recently. I'll
have to open all
the boxes and look

over the skins, and
try every way to
prevent the skins
from reaching the
Smithsonian Institution
in a useless
condition. Probably
the only hope is to
use lots of arsenic.
mammal no 1169 is
a common house rat
secured at Lehengtu,
Szechuan, China.
Mammals no 1170-71
were secured by
Yang Hong Jhang, the
aboriginal hunter,
at Szeo Jia ~~Reo~~, south
of Suifu, Szechuan,
China, on the
Szechuan - Yunnan
Border.
The collectors

Ho and Yang are shut
up by the military
operations beyond
Kuanshiên, and
can not get out.
There is a rumor that
there is war between
Chinese and Tibetans
beyond Katsenlu.

Box no 46, Insects
collected between June 5 and 13,
alt. 1700 feet.

June 19, Filled Box 47, Insects.

Box 47 Insects collected

June 15-20, 33

alt 1700 feet

Box, 48 Animal skins,
value \$10.00

Box 49 Animal skins
and bones value 6.00

Box 50 Black bear skin
value 45.00
market value 30.00

Today I fired one
of the collectors, who
constantly plays
possum instead
of working.

I found vermin
very thick in the
big black bear skin,
and put a lot of
arsenic in the skin.
I packed some more
specimens.

June 23, Today I received
a letter from Yang Yang
Tsang and Ho Don Lepner
wanting me to get them
out. I don't know of any
to do it.

Box 51 is insects
filled June 15-21 alt 1700
feet. Chenglu

June 28 There is now civil war near Kiating. The road directly to Yachow is very unsafe. Travel to Kuangshien is impossible because there is civil war there.

I am now training three new netters and collectors. I am training two to skin birds and mammals, and they are doing pretty well on the mammals, but weak so far on the birds. There is now doubt as to the advisability of my going to Tatsienlu.

June 30 Filled two new boxes of insects. ~~Box~~ others ~~filled~~ June 21.

Box no 52, June 25; insects

Box 53-4 June 30, "all at Lechengta, alt 1700 feet.

Civil war is going on all around us so that it is not safe to travel in any direction. I have sent a Chinese teacher to Kuangshien to try to get Yang Long Tsang and Ho San Lehen out. I am training two new collectors for skinning birds and mammals. Mr. San, of Suifu, and Mr. Ho, a student of the West China Union University. I am also training a new netter instead of Li.

July 3 The messenger sent to bring the two collectors Yang and Ho out from Kuangshien have returned without them. Robbers stole his

best clothing.

Filled Box no. 55, Insects
July 1-3, alt 1700 feet
July 4, the netters can not
leave our house because
the soldiers are commanding
laborers for coolies and
forcing others to join the army.
We are getting good
catches of night moths.
I am daily training
two students, Mr. Jan
and Mr. Ben, to skin
mammals and birds.

There is fighting
around Kiating, and
elsewhere, but the road
to Tatsienlu is open
Jan 5. Filled boxes 56-7,
insects captured at
Lehengta Gichuan China
July 3-5, 1932 alt. 1700
feet.

Civil war is
certain in many
parts of Gichuan.
However, I am
hoping to get to
Tatsienlu, starting
within a few days.
I hope to send one
man into Yunnan
Province to collect
reptiles, beetles, etc.
Other men are
collecting in the
Chungking District.
Two men are collecting
near Kuangshien,
and I hope to
get to Tatsienlu.

July 10. I am definitely giving up the idea of going to Tatsienlu, partly because the money available this year is less than in previous years, and partly because the roads to Tatsienlu are not safe. I hope to get off to Kuanshien within a few days. We are having fair results at night-moth catching. Every day I am training the new collectors, hoping they will reach a high state of efficiency.

July 11. Today I had two men practicing in skinning birds and mammals, and they and two others on insects we got a fair catch of insects.

I went into the city to investigate the possibility of getting by a roundabout route into Kuanshien and on into the high mountains. There is a possibility that may work out all right.

Filled box of insects no 58, July 8-11, Lechengtu, Szechuan, China

Box 59 Bottled insects, same place and locality

July 12. Today I went across the city to the North Gate, and on several miles to the headquarters of General Chen, who controls the district beyond Kuanshien where I want to collect. I got the permission to go by a roundabout way and the official document

necessary. I then went to see Mr. Dorang, who is familiar with that region, but he was not at home. I gave the collectors lessons about how to handle gasoline lanterns for night collecting. Bought all four whom I am training are working with the night lantern, and although the stars are out they are getting a good catch.

Today I mailed eight boxes of specimens all insects. One contained bottled insects and the rest dried and wrapped insects.
July 13. Spent the day packing or securing the paper Kung Si or passport. I still have one or two

more to secure.

The netters secured a fair lot of moths today.

July 15. I have been exceedingly busy packing for the collecting trip to Mouchow, Leagulow, etc, west of here. I expect to get off Monday.

July 17. I have five different Chinese passports, and expect to get one more.

Filled box no. 60, insects, July 13-'15, 1933 at Chengtu, Szechuan, China.

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Expenditures